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Poland trying U.N. aide as spy

Warsaw (Reuter)—A Polish employee of the United Nations went on trial here yesterday charged with spying for an unnamed country in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, an offense that carries a possible death penalty.

Observers were barred from the Warsaw military district court where Alicja Wesolowska, 35, was being tried.

She was arrested in Warsaw last August on her way from New York, where she worked for the United Nations, to take up a new post in Mongolia.

Poland ignored a request by U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim for permission to send an observer to the proceedings, the first spy trial here involving a U.N. employee. It is expected to last two days.